

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Curtis J. Campbell

Application No : 09/494,469

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For : APPARATUS FOR SEASONING FOOD )



Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Reginald Alexander

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington DC 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir: In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2000, please amend the above identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1 - 11.

Rewrite claims 12-23 as follows:

~~12.~~ (Amended) An apparatus for depositing into the interior of meat a seasoning that has been deposited on the outer surfaces of the meat, the apparatus comprising:

- a rigid handle;
- a rigid head attached to the handle;
- a plurality of rigid, { roughened } prongs engaging the head for depositing the seasoning into the meat when forced downwardly into the meat;
- at least one prong ridge on each of such prongs marking an abrupt change in the size of said prongs;
- a sharpened prong tip at the distal end of each of such prongs.

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